Bladderpod Bush

Peritoma arborea

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 7

Other Names: syn. Isomeris arborea, Spiderflower, Burrofat

Description:

This variety is a medium-sized, multi-branched woody shrub that rises to five feet on rigid stems; terminal clusters of yellow, spider-like flowers year-round, with a peak in winter to spring, followed by interesting green capsules; tolerates light shade

Ornamental Features

Bladderpod Bush features showy clusters of lightly-scented yellow spider-like flowers at the ends of the branches from early winter to late fall. It features abundant showy green capsules from mid spring to mid winter, which fade to brown over time. It has bluish-green foliage with hints of silver. The small fragrant narrow leaves remain bluish-green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Bladderpod Bush is an open multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;



Bladderpod Bush flowers
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- Self-Seeding

Bladderpod Bush is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens



Bladderpod Bush in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Bladderpod Bush will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is native to parts of North America..